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SUBJ: PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT NAMED

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SWEARING IN OF GENERAL SPINOLA AS
PRESIDENT MAY 15, ARMY MAJOR WHO HAS BEEN JUNTA SPOKES-
MAN REVEALED NAMES OF NEW MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL GOVERN-
MENT. TOP COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST AND CENTRIST MADE
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MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO; MINISTRIES HEADED BY

EXPERTS FOR MOST PART BUT SOME PROMINENT POLITICIANS IN
KEY SLOTS. END SUMMARY.

1. COMPOSITION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT REVEALED
EVENING MAY 15 FOLLOWING SWEARING IN OF GENERAL SPINOLA
AS PRESIDENT (SPINOLA'S COMMENTS ON OCCASION SUBJECT
SEPTEL). ALVARO CUNHAL, FRANCISCO PEREIRA DE MOURA,
AND FRANCISCO SA CARNEIRO, TOP LEADERS OF RESPECTIVELY, COMMUNISTS,
SOCIALISTS AND LIBERAL-CENTER POLITICAL GROUPINGS,
ARE MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, FORMING CENTER-LEFT
COALITION OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WITHOUT DIRECT
ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. POLITICAL FIGURES ALSO
GIVEN JUSTICE, LABOR, INTER-TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION MINISTRIES, WITH OTHER
TURNED OVER TO GENERALLY NON-POLITICAL
PROFESSIONALS. UNKNOWN LT. COL. HEADS DEFENSE MINISTRY,
ROLE OF WHICH UNCLEAR AT PRESENT. YOUNG COMMUNIST LABOR
ACTIVIST HEADS LABOR MINISTRY. COMMENTS ON MINISTERS
FOLLOW; COMMENTS ON 14 SECRETARIES AND SUBSECRETARIES
OF STATE THUS FAR NAMED BEING SENT SEPTEL.

2. PRIME MINISTER ADELINO PALM CARLOS, 69, IS
DISTINGUISHED LAWYER, FORMER LAW PROFESSOR, AND
FORMER BAR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. IN RECENT YEARS
HE HAS HEADED LISBON UTILITIES COMPANY AND HELD
DIRECTORSHIPS IN OTHER BUSINESSES. HE IS NOT TIED TO
ANY POLITICAL GROUP BUT IS CONSIDERED A LIBERAL
REFORMER. BELGIAN EMBASSY REPORTS THAT ONE OF HIS
DIRECTORSHIPS IS IN LOCAL BRANCH OF BELGIAN FIRM,
THAT HE IS WEALTHY AND THUS NOT LIKELY GIVE TOO MUCH
REIN TO THOSE WHO WOULD DO AWAY WITH PERCS OF PRIVILEGED
CLASS, AND THAT HE IS NOT A WELL MAN, HAVING SUFFERED
TWO OR THREE HEART ATTACKS.

3. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ALVARO CUNHAL, 50, IS A TOUGH,
DISCIPLINED LIFE-LONG COMMUNIST PRESENTLY SERVING
AS PCP SECRETARY GENERAL. FOR PAST FOURTEEN YEARS
HE HAS LIVED IN PRAGUE. HE HAS SPENT TWELVE YEARS IN
PORTUGUESE PRISONS.

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4. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FRANCISCO PEREIRA DE
MOURA, 49, IS AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ECONOMIST
WHO IS HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM BY MOST OF PORTUGAL'S
YOUNG ECONOMISTS AND TECHNOCRATS, VIRTUALLY ALL OF
WHOME HE TAUGHT. PEREIRA DE MOURA IS A CONFIRMED
SOCIALIST AND DEVOUT CATHOLIC; HE IS PROBABLY THE
MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THE CATHOLIC PROGRESSIVES. HIS
COMMENTS AND WRITINGS INDICATE HE SEES WORLD IN MARXIST

TERMS, BUT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT HE IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ALTHOUGH HE HAS WORKED WITH COMMUNISTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL COMMISSION (CEE). PEREIRA DE MOURA VISITED THE US IN OCTOBER 1973 AND RECEIVED FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT.

5. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FRANCISCO SA CARNEIRO, 39, IS A LAWYER FROM A PROMINENT OPORTO FAMILY. HE WAS THE MOST INTRANSIGENT AND COLORFUL OF THE LIBERAL DEPUTIES BETWEEN 1969 AND 1973. HE QUIT ASSEMBLY IN DISGUST A FEW MONTHS BEFORE TERM ENDED. HAS TEAMED UP WITH OTHER LIBERALS TO FORM MDP, CENTRIST PARTY. HE HAS PREPARED EXTENSIVE LEGISLATION, INCLUDING NEW CONSTITUTION, FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN YEARS PAST.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO SAORES, 49, IS A LAWYER AND LEFT-WING SOCIALIST. SOARES IS WELL KNOWN AMONG JOURNALISTS AND SOCIALIST POLITICAL FIGURES ABROAD, BUT HIS SOCIALIST PARTY IS MOSTLY A PAPER ORGANIZATION. SOARES IS INTELLIGENT AND INDUSTRIOUS; HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, HAVE A WIDE FOLLOWING IN PORTUGAL, AND IS SEEN BY SOME AS OPPORTUNISTIC. HE LIVED IN PARIS FROM 1969 UNTIL AFTER COUP.

7. MINISTER OF FINANCE, VASCO VIERA DE ALMEIDA, 42, IS A BUSINESSMAN WHO ROSE RAPIDLY IN BANKING CIRCLES TO BECOME HEAD OF ONE OF PORTUGAL'S SMALLER BANKS A FEW MONTHS AGO. HE PARTICIPATED IN ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED TO SALAZAR REGIME, SOMETIMES WORKING WITH COMMUNISTS, ALTHOUGH NOT A LEFTIST HIMSELF. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CENTRIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SEDES. AMERICAN BANKERS WHO HAVE HAD DEALINGS VIERA DE ALMEIDA HAVE EXPRESSED TO US HIGH REGARD FOR HIS COMPETENCE AND REASONABLENESS.

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8. MINISTER FOR INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ANTONIO DE ALMEIDO SANTOS, LAWYER FROM MOZAMBIQUE, WAS SUBJECT OF LOURENCO MARQUES A-85 AND TELEGRAM 0345. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

9. MINISTER OF JUSTICE FRANCISCO SALGADO ZENHA, 51, IS A R P O M I N E N T LAWYER WHO HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH MODERATE SOCIALIST OPPOSITION IN PORTUGAL. HE WAS A C D E CANDIDATE IN 1969. SALGADO ZENHA IS KNOWN FOR HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WRITINGS AND LEGAL SEMINARS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES. HE WAS CHIEF LAWYER IN THE LONG, COMPLICATED CHAMPALIMAUD CASE WHICH ENDED IN A VERIDCT FOR CHAMPALIMAUD LAST FALL.

10. MINISTER OF EDUCATION EDUARDO CORREIA, 59, IS A LAW PROFESSOR WHO WAS MADE DIRCTOR OF THE ECONOMICS FACULTY AT COIMBRA UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR. CORREIA IS A LIBERAL REFORMER AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF OUTGOING EDUCATION MINISTER VEIGA SIMAO.

11. MINISTER OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, JOAQUIM MAGALHAES MOTA, 38, IS A LIBERAL LAWYER AND WAS MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S REFORMIST "LIBERAL WING" FROM 1969 TO 1973. HE WAS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF SEDES, REFORM-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. HE HAS JOINED WITH SA CARNEIRO AND PINTO BALSEMAO TO FORM CENTRIST POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

12. INFORMATION MINISTER RAUL REGO, 61, IS PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST AND IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER REPUBLICA. HE WAS LEADING SOCIALIST CRITIC OF SALAZAR/CAETANO GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS. HE IS CLOSE FRIEND OF MARIO SOARES AND SALGADO ZENHA.

13. MINISTER OF LABOR AVELINO PACHECO GONCALVES, 34, IS PRESIDENT OF OPORTO DISTRICT OF BANK WORKERS SYNDICATE AND A MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. HE IS NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY.

14. MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENT, MANUEL ROCHA, ABOUT 60, IS A PLEASANT, HIGHLY COMPETENT CIVIL ENGINEER. FOR TWENTY YEARS HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING LABORATORY, ONE OF PORTUGAL'S FEW INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED INSTITUTIONS. HE IS NOT IDENTIFIED WITH ANY POLITICAL GROUP. HE STUDIED AT MIT IN THE THIRTIES, AND RECEIVED THE 1974 AWARD OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALURGICAL ENGINEERING.

DEFENSE MINISTER LT. COL. FIRMINO MIGUEL, 41, SERVED UNDER GENERAL SPINOLA IN GUINEA BUT IS NOT KNOWN TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY. FUNCTIONS OF DEFENSE MINISTRY ARE UNCLEAR AT MOMENT; WITH ABOLITION OF OLD INTERIOR MINISTRY, SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL OVERSEE DOMESTIC POLICE ORGANIZATION. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT THERE ARE NO SERVICE MINISTRIES, AUTHORITY OVER THE SERVICES PASSES THROUGH ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF COSTA GOMES.

16. MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS MARIO MURTEIRA, 41, IS PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND WAS ONE OF FOUNDERS OF SEDES. HE IS IDENTIFIED WITH CENTER-LIBERAL ELEMENTS AND HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY FOR LIBERAL PAPER EXPRESSO.

17. COMMENT: DESPITE PRESENCE OF ALVARO CUNHAL AND COMMUNIST LABOR MINISTER, CABINET DOES NOT HAVE LEFTIST CAST THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY OVER PAST THREE WEEKS HAD SUGGESTED MIGHT BE CASE. EXCEPT FOR DEFENSE MINISTRY, CABINET IS ENTIRELY CIVILIAN. WHILE AMOUNT OF DECISION-MAKING POWER RETAINED BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND OTHER BODIES IS UNCLEAR, WE EXPECT CABINET WILL ADMINISTER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES COMPETENTLY. EMBASSY AND/OR AMCONSUL OPORTO HAVE HAD CLOSE AND FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH FIVE OF NEW MINISTERS (VIEIRA DE ALMEIDA, ZENHA, REGO, CORREIA, MAGALHAES MOTA) AND OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH 4 OTHER (PEREIRA DA

MOURA, SA CARNEIRO, ROCHA, MURTEIRA). SCOTT

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